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July 20, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared Technical Working Group Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I have recently learned of a company called LightSquared that intends to bring a much-needed 4G-LTE wireless network to Kansas.

At a time when demand for mobile broadband is driving congestion through the roof, expanding next-generation wireless capacity should be a priority for our federal government. Many parts of the U.S. continue to lag when it comes to affordable and reliable broadband access, leaving many students and businesses at a disadvantage and holding back our economic recovery.

Not only does LightSquared intend to invest \$14 billion over the next several years, in turn creating 16,000 jobs each year, but as a wholesaler LightSquared will make it possible for dozens of new competitors to bring high-speed wireless Internet to all Americans on wireless devices. This will ultimately drive down consumer costs, help bridge the digital divide, give equal opportunities to students and enable businesses to remain competitive.

Finally, LightSquared specializes in on-call mobile satellite communications services, personnel and equipment for the public safety community including federal, state and local fire, police, and rescue and disaster-relief departments. Last year, LightSquared created its Emergency Rapid Response Communications Team program (ERRT), which rapidly deploys to emergency and disaster locations in the U.S. and Canada. LightSquared was there after Hurricane Katrina and also in my home state following the devastating tornado in Greensburg, Kansas. I understand LightSquared also provided telecommunications to the search and rescue team in Joplin, Missouri following that recent tragic tornado.

I appreciate the Federal Communications Commission and its efforts to work through the technical issues surrounding any interference between LightSquared and other telecommunications technologies. I sincerely hope, however, that the FCC will ensure that all parties come to the table to work together to resolve any remaining issues. LightSquared's network is potentially too valuable to our economic future and our communications needs to simply halt the process and give up.

Thank you for resolving this important matter expeditiously.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kelly Kultala